

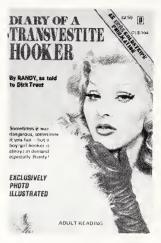
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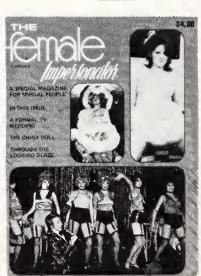
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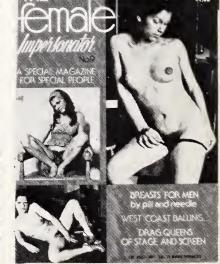
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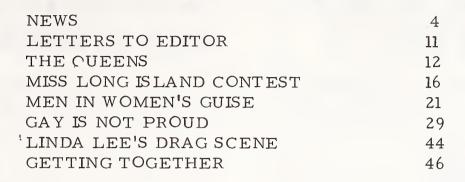
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HOME ECONOMICS MANDATORY FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

New Milford, Conn: Two Baptist ministers have threatened to sue the school board here for its decision to make shop and home economics mandatory for both boys and girls in the sixth grade. "By having a young boy cook or sew, wearing aprons, we're pushing a boy into homosexuality," argued Rev. Lynn Mays, while Rev. Jame Clemmons complained, "We'll take it to the U.S. Supreme Court if we have to. I don't want him to be a sissy." The president of the school board said the policy would continue nonetheless.

JIM BAILEY REPEATS: "I'M NOT A FEMALE IMPERSONATOR"

Female impersonator, Jim Bailey has filed a \$15 million libel suit against PEOPLE, a weekly magazine published by Time, Inc., claiming in Los Angeles Federal Court that the publication accused him of being a "drag queen", both in his personal life and in the course of his profession."

"TRANSSEXUALS SHOULD NOT HAVE SEX CHANGE"

PHILADELPHIA: Rev. Myron Judy, Dir. of Student Life at Temple University and a Chaplain of Dignity/Philadelphia. recently announced the results of a survey of this city's priests toward homosexuality. Done by a Temple sociology student. the study employed mail and telephone polling, but lacks many professional statistical safeguards. However, the study found that 71% of the priests felt homosexuality should not be punishable by law; 51% felt it wasn't their responsibility to convert homosexuals to heterosexuality; 88% said they would not encourage a homosexual desirous of a sex-change to do so; and 51% felt the gay liberation movement was contributing to a better understanding.

Baily a nightclub performer said the story published in PEOPLE, September 30th, 1974 was defamatory.

We wonder about his career. Does he have to stoop to that to obtain publicity or is he that homophobic.....



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SAN DIEGO COURT RULING BACKS CLOTHING ORDINANCE

Municipal Court Judge Earl K. Adams ruled constitutional a city ordinance which prohibits the wearing of clothes of the opposite sex.

Adam's ruling came in denying a demurrer filed by attorney Jay Zybelman on behalf of Nicole Murray, 24, who in previous court appearances has described herself as a 'preoperative transsexual pending sexual assignment.'



Murray is charged with violation of the city's ordinance which bans the wearing of the clothes of the opposite sex "with intent to deceive and for the purpose of committing an unlawful act." In denying the demurrer, Adams ordered Murray to stand trial on the misdemeanor charge.

"Men and women's clothes are taking on a certain unisexual trend," Zybelman argued. "How a person dresses is really a matter of freedom of expression."

Zybelman said that women dressing in

the cothes of men and men who wear long-haired wigs, such as would be worn by women, are not cited for violation of the law.

Deputy City Atty. Michael B. Poynor argued that the ordinance was not discriminatory since "it applies to both male and female persons who dress in clothes of the opposite sex for the purpose of committing an unlawful act and to deceive another person.

"Whether the defendant is a transsexual or not is irrelevant to the statue," Poynor argued.

SEX CHANGE IN CATSKILL, N.Y.

It has recently come to light that the British-born male author who became a sex-change is now living in an 18th Century house in upstate New York with her black husband and their three-year-old child.

Dawn Langly Hall, formerly Gordon Langly Hall, shocked the town of Charleston, S.C. with her marriage five years ago to John Paul Simmons, a mechanic.

Ms. Simmons, who was the adopted son of British film star Dame Margaret Rutherford, moved to Charleston from New York City in 1962. There he bought and restored an antebellum house. The author of several books, including biographies of Princess Margaret and Jacqueline Kennedy, Mr. Hall was welcomed by some of Charleston's oldest and most prominent families.

Then Mr. Hall announced that he had been living the tortured life as a male and intended to make a change through a sex-change at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The second shock to the community was that after the sex-change, he proposed to marry an untutored young black mechanic.

And so they were married in 1969. That ended Ms. Simmon's acceptance in Charleston society. Said Dame Margaret: "We had three adoptive sons and an adoptive daughter, but now we have two of each."

A great-aunt's comment from London was,
''I do wish Dawn was marrying a Baptist.''

Last summer the couple bought and quietly moved into the 10-room Gothic home on Main Street in Catskill, N. Y. with the three-year-old Natasha, whom they say is their daughter. However, doctors say it would be impossible for Ms. Simmons to have a child.

Dawn announced on NBC recently that she is writing a book about herself and will explain in detail about the child she implies she gave birth to..

"ROCK DREAMS"

Fanciful views of the history of rock and pop music and painted by the imaginative artist Guy Peellaert, form a remarkable photo book, "ROCK DREAMS". Below Jim Morrison visits an "after hours" bar in London. Could the buxom female possibly be London's favorite "queen" JEAN FREDERICKS??



IN LONDON

TRANSVESTITE / TRANSSEXUAL

TRANSSEXUAL ACTION Organisation, c/o Peace Centre, 18 Moor St, Queensway, Birmingham B4 7UH. 021-449 8305. For male-to-female and female-to-male transsexuals.

TRANSVESTITE SOCIAL GROUP, send s.à.e. to Sam Cash, 10 Hosack Rd, London SW17.

TRANSVESTITE/TRANSSEXUAL Group meets every Thurs 8pm at 76 Gladsmuir Rd, Archway, London N1 (3 rings). Or write Patricia Sage.

TRANSVESTITES/TRANSSEXUALS Action Group, 4 Toronto Terrace, Carrington, Notts, New group. Personal callers welcome by appointment. People writing for info please enclose s.a.e. 24 hours counselling service from same address.

LEEDS TV/TS Group, 2 Kensington Terrace, Leeds 6, or phone 0532 788711.

FI CLUB South West London area. Exclusive circle for all genuine female impersonators (no connection with the Beaumont). Please write: BM Bird Sanctuary. London WC1V 6XX.

TRANSVESTITE CHARGES PITTSBURGH POLICE WITH BRUTALITY

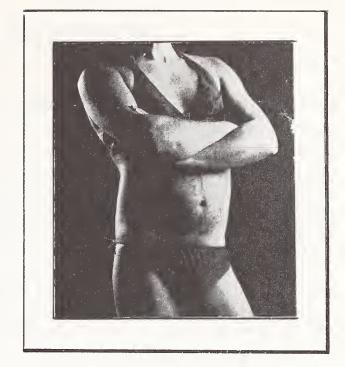
Richmond police are investigating whether Patrolman Stewart Welch beat a man while the man was being held by two off-duty policemen.

The investigation is being conducted by the division of internal affairs, which has interviewed two Henrico County women who brought the allegation, a man identified as Calvin Williams of the 2800 block Barton Ave., and Welch, who couldn't be reached for comment.

Ms. Joyce Nunnally and Mrs. Jan Alridge said they told division investigators they were in a car stopped at a traffic light in the 300 block N. Fifth St. when they saw Williams, who appeared to be a woman because of his clothing and accessories, and two others leave a restaurant. Welch walked over to the trio and spoke to Williams, who subsequently stepped back and ran across Fifth Street, the woman said.

Williams was then grabbed, by two men, identified later as off-duty policemen. Welch ran up to Williams while he was being held and struck him repeatedly with an object the women said they thought was a blackjack but which could have been a nightstick. Welch continued striking Williams after the off-duty officers had let Williams go, the women said.

The women said in separate interviews that they saw Welch hit Williams 15 to 20 times. Most of the blows were on the head; the others, in the kidney area, the women said. Mrs. Alridge said also that she saw Welch use his knee twice to hit Williams in the stomach.



TOPS FOR BATHING SUITS P.P.

Santa Cruz, Calif: An ordinance permitting topless sun-bathing and swiming has been adopted by the Santa Cruz County board of supervisors. An amendment that would have required bras or bathing suit tops was rejected after the county counsel said that the ordinance would have to be applied equally to men.

FEMALE IMPERSONATORS IN PITTSBURGH

A new style of gay social establishment opened in Downtown Pittsburgh during the past months, and it's called Curella De' Ville's, at 929 Penn. Avenue. The cast of regulars include Brenda, Brandy, Bunny, Eddie and Amber, female impersonators who serve Cruella every evening at the show club.

Cruella de Ville's is a private club with a strict door policy. Top name entertainment is being scheduled for future appearances at this moment, including well-known personalities from New York, Hollywood, Florida and Houston. In the meantime Cruella's boasts an exclusive mood light show system, period music, show music and current sounds on its first level. Also open is the upper level "Chuck Wagon", with another bar, gameroom, billiard room, and a restaurant.

Lifetime membership in Cruella DeVille's is \$10 through the end of March, when the cost goes to \$25.00. There is no cover charge at present, although monthly dues of \$1.00 are charged. Persons interested in more membership information should call manager "Little Butch" at (412) 566-9920.



PAMELA NOLAN ON ALBANY TELEVISION. Ms. Nolan, as well as several other transvestites, is fast becoming a spokesperson for the cross-dresser. This type of public relations is what the crossdresser needs....because with exposure comes acceptance!!!!!

Sex-Conversion Operation Ruled a Welfare Benefit

Transsexual operations are to be included in medical assistance provided by the city and state for persons on welfare, the Appellate Division, Second Department, ruled yesterday in interpreting benefits provided under the Social Services Law.

The court, in a 3-1 decision, reversed rulings by the city and state Departments of Social Services and an order issued in Supreme Court, Kings. It ruled in favor of a forty-one-year-old man who has been living as a woman for sixteen years.

Justice Henry J. Latham, in a dissent, warned that the majority decision could "open the door to an inconceivable variety of claims by persons who are frustrated, depressed or cosmetically impaired." He also maintained that the Social Services Law did not "authorize the payment of substantial public funds for the dubious sex change operation."

The majority--consisting of Presiding Justice Frank A. Gulotta and Justices James D. Hopkins and M. Henry Martuscello--based its unsigned decision on evidence showing that the petitioner suffered from severe psychopathology" and qualified him for medical assistance--a transsexual operation.

Hormonal Treatment

The majority interpreted the law's provisions for medical assistance as applying in the instant case. It pointed out that the petitioner has been on hormonal therapy for more than four years 'to assist in the development of female characteristics.'

The court also observed that neither agency was able to support its claim that the petitioner did not qualify for assistance on a "medical basis."

"The 'medical basis' denial of petitioner's application appears to be without substance as the agency offered no independent medical evidence, and its representatives at the 'fair hearing' admitted that it had never made a medical examination of petitioner," the court said.

"In the absence of other medical evidence to define and support the term 'medical basis', the determinations of respondents lack a rational foundation and, therefore, their denial of medical assistance was arbitrary and capricious." "The statute does not restrict medical assistance to purely physical problems," the majority added "The evidence at the 'fair hearing' clearly established that petitioner satisfied more than one of the statutory criteria to receive medical assistance in obtaining the operation.

Following is the text of the Opinions:

Text of Opinions

In the matter of DENISE R (anonymous), appellant, v. ABE LAVINE, as Commissioner of New York State Department of Social Services, and JULE M.SUGAR-MAN, as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Social Services, respondents.

John C. Gray, Jr., Brooklyn, N.Y. (Yvonne Lewis of counsel), for appellant.

Louis J. Lefkowitz, Attorney General (Thomas R. Mc-Loughlin for counsel), for respondent Lavine.

In a proceeding pursuant to CPLR article 78 inter alia (1) to annul a determination of respondent Commissioner of the New York State Department of Social Services, dated April 9, 1973, made after a statutory fair hearing, which affirmed a determination of the New York City Department of Social Services (the Agency) denying petitioner's application for public assistance in obtaining a transsexual operation, and (2) to compel payment for the operation, petitioner appeals, as limited by petitioner's brief, from so much of a judgment of the Supreme Court, Kings County, entered March 28,1975, as dismissed the petition.

Judgment reversed in so far as appealed from, on the law, with \$20 costs and disbursements, petition granted and determinations of both respondents annulled. Respondents are directed to grant petitioner's application for medical assistance pursuant to subdivision 2 of section 365-a of the Social Services Law.

Petitioner, Denise R., is a forty-one-year old genetic male, who has been living and working as a female for the past sixteen years. Petitioner applied for public assistance for the purpose of obtaining a sex change operation. The application was denied by the agency,

Petitioner then requested a "fair hearing" to review that determination.

At the hearing, the agency presented a letter from the Director of its Health Care Services Department to petitioner's doctor which stated: "This is to inform you that your request for Trans-sexual Surgery for above patient is disapproved on a medical basis."

Petitioner, since January, 1971, and in anticipation of the surgery, has been on hormonal therapy, under medical care, to assist in the development of female characteristics. The evidence further indicated that petitioner was a true trans-sexual from whom surgery was recommended.

The medical basis denial of petitioner's application appears to be without substance, as the agency offered no independent medical evidence and its representative at the "fair hearing" admitted that it had never made a medical examination of petitioner. In the absence of other medical evidence to define and support the term "medical basis," the determinations of respondents lack a rational foundation and, therefore, their denial of medical assistance was arbitrary and capricious.

Subdivision 2 of section 365-a of the Social Services Law provides, inter alia:

"2. 'Medical Assistance' shall mean payment of part or all of the cost of care, services and supplies which are necessary to prevent, diagnose, correct or cure conditions in the person that cause acute suffering, endanger life, result in illness or infirmity, interfere with his capacity for normal activity, or threaten some significant handicap...."

The psychiatric evidence established that petitioner was suffering from "severe psychopathology." The statute does not restrict medical assistance to purely physical problems. The evidence at the "fair hearing" clearly established that petitioner satisfied more than one of the statutory criteria to receive medical assistance in obtaining the operation (cf. Ferro v. Levine, 359 N.Y.S. 2d 1012: Matter of Clink v. Lavine, 359 N.Y.S. 2d 1018).

Gulotta, P.J.; Hopkins and Martuscello, J.J., concur.

Latham, J., dissents and votes to affirm the judgment, with the following memorandum:

The judgment should be affirmed. It seems clear that the agency was not arbitrary but rather acted on a rational basis. The law does not permit the court to substitute its own judgment for that of an administrative body.

The Legislature certainly never intended to authorize the payment of substantial public funds for the dubious sex change operation here in question. The majority decision, will, I fear, open the door to an inconceivable variety of claims by persons who are frustrated, depressed, or cosmetically impaired. Such claims were never within the contemplation of the law-makers.

WHY NO...
..GLOSSY PAPER?

editorial

You may be wondering why we did not print this issue of DRAG on glossy paper as we have been doing for the last year and half. I'm sure some of you will jump to the conclusion that it is because we are in some sort of financial difficulty. I'm sorry to advise you that you're wrong! In fact, our sales are up.

However, it IS our way of saving money! During the past year I'm sure all of you have learned the meaning of "Balancing The Budget!". I, too, am attempting to balance a budget. Not because business is bad, but because I have been left "holding the bag" for Queens Liberation Front. I have been picking up the \$250 a month retainer for QLF's lawyer. Our appeals for help, in the form of membership, have been practically ignored by the readers of DRAG. I don't mind subsidizing QLF, but I don't think it is fair to expect me to carry the entire burden... Even the Federal Government matches a budget on a 'dollar for dollar' basis. SO, THE GLOSSY PAPER IS YOUR DONATION TO QUEENS LIBERATION FRONT.!

I would have absorbed it but at the end of the year I will need every penny I can get hold of to expand our operations. We WILL be moving to larger quarters again and this time are planning to open a sort of 'community center' with lockers, dressing rooms and lounge area for tvs to socialize and meet others. If I don't balance my budget at this time it would effect these plans.

LBTTBRS to the Editor

Dear Lee,

Thank you for the nice note that you sent. So, you would like to know more about our group? Well, once a month we meet, at a different persons home, have a few laughs, talk about fashions, then after a meal is served we all share in the food cost so that the hostess is repaid for her time and trouble in the kitchen. Our meals are served about 10 or 11 o'clock, so if anyone is late, no one is left out. We then decide where the next place we are going to hold our little meeting. It usually starts at 8 o'clock and is over about 12 or 2:30.

We always say bring a friend so the group will get bigger and bigger and we always have new faces and new ideas. This past month we had a 'flea market': If you bought make-up and you are not using it, or don't think the color suits you, well you sell it from a nickel to a dollar. Also, if you have clothes that don't fit you that you don't want one of the other girls might be interested! Thank you and people who are interested can contact us at:

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by DIANA 529-1339 HAMILTON, ONTARIA, CANADA



Dear Ms. Lee Brewster, I was very flattered at the fact that I was featured in your DRAG inagazine No. 17. The fact that 3 photos of me was even more than I expected but they really were the most horrible pictures of any Drag that I've seen yet. Not that I'm not grateful but I'm sure you are a better judge of pictures than that. I wish you and your associate would be more professional in your choosing your pictures. I was totally embarassed by the ones I saw in Drag #17. I think your magazine is great but would rather send photos if needed than see pictures like the ones

Sincerely yours, NANCY LOMAX "Miss Philadelphia"

Dear Nancy,

I apologize!!!!! I also agree with everything in the above note! So, I will personally see to it that a retraction (if that is what one calls it) be printed in the next issue of Drag, with a photo properly representing your beauty.

I know how you must feel since the same thing happens to me when my photo appears in other publications....I'm on your side and didn't intentionally mean to

> Your devoted friend, Lee G. Brewster

Vicky Views the Art Scene



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QUEENS

Photographs by GEORGE ALPERT

A photograph is a photograph is a photograph——and that piece of paper, covered with various densities of hardened emulsion, can be many other things as well. It can be a document, a record, an accident,——or it can be a work of art.

Ever since Niepce created the first photographic image in 1822, the medium, and its practitioners, have been glorified, vilified, and commercialized--only to be re-discovered from time to time as a new art form. Today galleries command prices for their prints comparable to multiples in other media.

When the eye at the viewfinder and the hand at the shutter release are parts of a larger expressive understanding and skill, the result is often a work of art. When the subject of the photography is as it appears in GEORGE ALPERT'S recent book, THE QUEENS, the result is often beautiful art.

Here are friends, new friends, friends of friends---queens all; captured with new understanding and sympathy--in moments of laughter and glee, reflection and sadness, and throughout, in reality.

Pictures of queens are not new to the market place. Theatre, Film, Television, books and magazines have all shown the drag image with variety of effect. From comic burlesque, and dramatic impersonation to shock and horror, the queen has been posed to the world, ---to its delight and/or disgust. In photography, such luminaries as

Arbus, Mitchell and Lee have investigated the queen as a freak, a curiosity or an alternative life-style. In his book, ALPERT, finally shows the queen as a person:courageous, young, old, black, white, plain and beautiful.

Our interviewer, a dear friend and an artist in his own way, found Mr. Alpert in his plush mid-town offices where he conducts a very successful business apart from his photography.

But there on the walls, handsomely displayed, were several examples of his other work, less esoteric, but equally stunning.

DRAG: I recall your show at the Neikrug Gallery in 1971 where several of the pictures in the book were exhibited. Had you been at work on the book since then, or earlier?

ALPERT: The project has been going on for some time. One publisher that I showed it to liked it and wanted a psychiatrist to do the text. In Europe, I took it to a German publisher and they had a specialist, a Dr. Sauerkraut or something, that they wanted to do a text. Nobody could leave it as it was--let the pictures and the subjects speak for themselves. Finally, people at De Capo here liked it and let it go with just my own introduction.

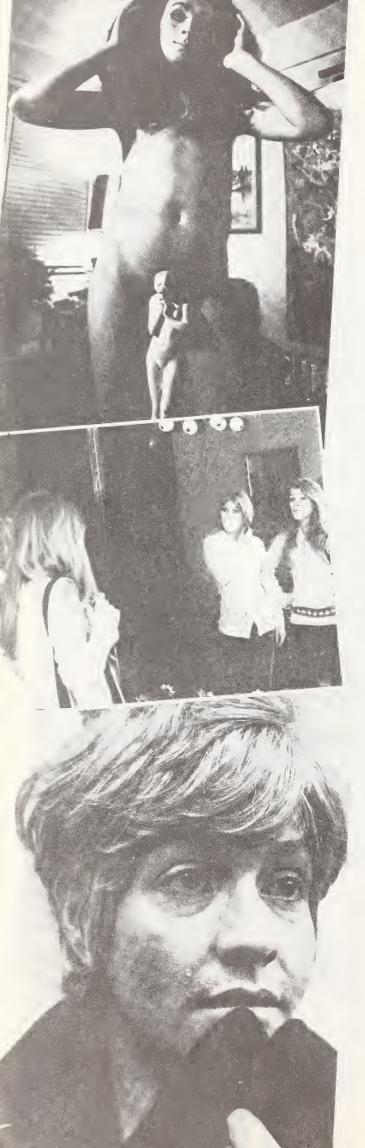
DRAG: In your introduction you give a background to the project. Did you have earlier insights into the 'bittersweet' life of the transvestite?

ALPERT: Oh, I don't know. Being connected with showbusiness, I met Kikki Hall professionally and through him, I met several of the other queens. It was then that I decided to photograph them.

DRAG: Before you met him, had you any previous experience with queens.

ALPERT: Back in Chicago in the 1950's, I knew a lawyer, very well off. I was at a party at his house and had to go to the john. I went





On these pages are a few of the 118 photos appearing in 'The Queens''.

Preceding pages: cover, Jack; then Kim, Caprice, and Electra; this page: Caprice, the Twins, Baby, and Chrysis; next page: Bobbie, Baby, Frankie, and Kim.



into his bedroom by mistake and saw a lot of women's clothes, his, all over the place. Later he was very upset and appologised. I didn't know anything about it, one way or another. Later, years later, I heard he committed suicide. I guess that left a lasting impression on me.

DRAG: How were the queens to work with? Any interesting experiences?

ALPERT: I was in Boston, staying at the Ritz Carlton. Late at night Electra and Caprice get on the elevator with me. The bell hop has this big grin. Some other hustlers get on too. I was tense. These pictures in the book, I shot them in the hotel room that night. Electra said, "I'm glad if this will help those 'others' understand.

(Alpert continues thumbing through his book):
"Look at Toni, She's a "vamp"! I wanted
Chrysis on the cover, but they didnt think it
would sell to the straight crowd. They chose
the picture of Jack. This picture of Jack is
fantastic! (He stops at a pose of Jack with
make-up but no wig and some sort of ambiguous toga on) This is 1930's cabaret
German Business Man . . ."

DRAG: . . . or General . . .

ALPERT: Yeah, right. Fantastic. Do you see Kim and Bobbie, the twins? This one (he points to a dreamy shot of Bobbie) -Real New England "Wasp" - its incredible. Each does exactly what she wants. The pictures just come out that way.

DRAG: The one of Baby, - is the tear real?

ALPERT: Well, I could answer that either of two ways: A, Yes (very romantic), or B) She had a cold in her sinuses and it just appeared....

DRAG: Or a combination of the two. How has the reception of the book been?

ALPERT: Tremendous, really very good. And I hear constantly: "I cant believe this is a man, - is it really"?

DRAG: It's good to hear that, because it's probably the only book "above-ground" that presents the lifestyle to the public compassionately. I'm sure our readers would be interested in knowing that it is also available in Bookstores which carry DRAG as well. Good luck with it, and to you.









Starring Yetta

ISLAND CONTEST

A few months ago the New York staff of DRAG was treated to a trip to the suburbs. The reason for their sojourn being the annual MISS LONG ISLAND CONTEST. Their hostess was YETTA, the contest co-ordinator. We must say she proved to be a most charming and engratiating host.

We asked Yetta why she chose to give a drag contest away from the big city, in a totally respectable, white upper class community, not even in a possibly more tolerant gay ghetto, such as Fire Island.

"Well, I live on Long Island--some sixty miles from New York City. I got tired of all the 'girls' around me having to travel to do anything. I thought I'd give us all a chance to have fun closer to home. I run a fair respectable and lovely contest. It's a little like Miss America, and when the girls are on the run-way, they are the stars." Part of the charm of Yetta's contest is its relative smallness. Usually, she has about 25 contestants, vs. 100 to 150 at say the old Paris in the Spring ball. It gives the whole affair an intimate setting and mood.

Yetta also addressed herself to the perennial troubles of giving a drag ball, that is how to handle those--and no other word will do--bitch queens, who are out for vanity, and will start a most unladylike fight to satiate bruised egos. Bitch ball queens, have caused the termination of all balls in New York City.











and calmly proceeds to bring the crowd to its feet by singing in a perfect operatic soprano. He then drops to his natural baritone while singing "Born. Free". It hardly conveys the circumstances to say Robin did four songs and won four standing ovations.

All considered, we had a most charming evening at Yetta's charming social. We recommend the Miss Long Island contest to you, if you can possibly make it.

YETTA can be reached at: (516) 427-5347.

Dragging through History

MEN

in Women's

Typecast in our roles in the often tedious drama of life, most of us envy the great imposters who are able to step outside their own personalities and create illusions. The public loves actors, enjoys being fooled, admires hoaxes--consider the mass fascination with the Clifford Irving case, the longevity of Finocchio's and the Jewel Box Revue, and the popularity of stage impersonators, from Shakespeare's boy-actors to Charles Pierce.

Over the centuries a whole literature for, and of, impersonation has grown up. Shakespeare's audience loved to watch cross-dressing, and the fun was compounded when a boy played Portia or Viola masquerading as a man. The Puritan Revolution signaled the end of impersonation on stage, but books began to appear which chronicled the lives of men and women who changed roles off-stage. Many reallife imposters published their diaries and journals, and top writers fictionalized their careers. Even Bram Stoker, after writing "Dracula," turned his talents to a volume called "Famous Imposters" in

Guise..

which he set out to prove, among other things, that Queen Elizabeth I of England was really a man in drag. (see Drag #9)

The latest entry in the library of crossdressing is C.J.S. Thompson's "THE MYSTERIES OF SEX" (N.Y., Causeway Books, \$7.95). Here are short biographies of fifteen women who lived as men, nine men who lived as women, and six people who impersonated, for fraud or other purposes, people they were not. Though unsatisfactory in many ways, Thompson's work is unique in that it gives more space to the biological females than biological males. Some of these women represent ed themselves as men as a joke, others to be near their men, some out of idealism, and some in order to mary other women.

.WOMEN

in Men's

The jokesters included Annabella Parsons, a courtesan noted for her beauty. Learning that the man who was keeping her had begun an affair with another woman, Annabella donned men's clothing, courted the competition, won the lady's love, and ruined her lover's other affair.

Lady Maude Ferras was a headstrong and high-spirited woman who loved horses,



CATALINA DE ERAUSO

Guise

men's attire, and practical jokes. One evening, hearing that an obnoxious neighbor was drunk at a nearby manor house, Lady Maude dressed up as a highwayman and lay in wait for him. Taking his money and watching him squirm before the barrel of her gun was such fun that Her Ladyship made a habit of holding up other pompous and pretentious neighbors.

More serious were the women who adopted male identities in order to follow careers not open to their sex at the time. Thus, Catalina de Caruso, dressed as a man, joined the Spanish army and participated in the exciting conquest of South America. Christian de Meyerac, the "Woman Musketeer," fought heroically for France and died a noble death on a battlefield. Anne Bonny put on male garb to join her lover, a pirate captain, in his adventures. Hannah Snell called herself "James Grey" and joined the British navy, while Mary Anne Talbot





Above: Christian Davies, The Woman Dragon Below: Mary Frith, known as 'Moll Cutpurse'.

went Hannah one better by joining both the army and navy as "John Taylor."

Patriotism led Loreta Velasquez into imposture. When the Civil War broke out Loreta, a passionate Confederate, designed special underwear which hid her breasts, disguised her hips, and gave her a 'basket'. Clad in this rig and men's clothing, she raised a regiment of men and entered the Army of the Confederacy as a Lieutenant. She distinguished herself so well at the battle of Bull Run that Stonewall Jackson him-

self recommended her for advancement. Later, she served her cause well by sneaking into Washington as a woman and spying on the Yankees and, later, as a man, operating as a blockade runner.

No one knows who "James Allen" really was. He turned up first as a handsome, intelligent, young footman in a London house, where "he" met and married a chambermaid named Mary. "James" went to work in a London lumberyard and only when "he" was killed in an accident there many years later was "his" true sex discovered. Mary, "his" wife of twenty-one years, testified at the inquest that she had never suspected that her "husband" was actually a woman.

Disappointed in heterosexual love, Mary East formed a lesbian relationship with another spinster. Mary, the more masculine of the two, lived as a man, calling herself "James How." The couple opened a pub and every day, for more than thirty-five years, "James How" drew beer and made conversation with the customers, none of whom ever suspected that their "host" was really a woman.



No doubt the most famous, colorful and picgresque of the male impersonators in Thompson's book was Mary Frith, known as "Moll Cutpurse." Said to have been a true hermaphrodite, this salty character had nothing but contempt for the clothes, manners and instincts of womanhood. In the brawling, violent underworld of London in the 17th Century Moll swaggered, fought and drank with the burliest of men, few of whom knew her secret. She good-humoredly supported herself by telling fortunes, "fencing" stolen goods, and relieving passers-by of their wallets and purses. A celebrity in her own time, Moll published her Diary and was twice depicted upon the Jacobsen stage before her death at the age of seventy-four.

Once, after a night of hard drinking, Moll woke up to find that she had been kidnapped by a "press-gang" determined to ship her off to New England. She escaped that fate by revealing her feminine gender, but one wishes that she had made the voyage, if only so we could read the Puritan's reaction to this butch, bawdy denzien of London's slums.

Mr. Thompson gives short shift to one of this reviewer's favorite male cross-dressers, Philip, Duke d'Orleans. Here one learns only that the Duke wore women's clothing most of his life, but that was only one aspect of Philip's varied and interesting career. While his brother, Louis XIV, the "Sun King" raised the French monarchy to its zenith and carried on with his mistresses, Philip presided over a sort of "counter-court" filled with all the handsomest, wittiest and most intelligent male homosexuals in Europe. When necessary, the Duke put aside his wigs and gowns, donned arm or and distinguished himself as a brilliant general.

Other men-who-would-be-women appearing in "The Mysteries of Sex" include



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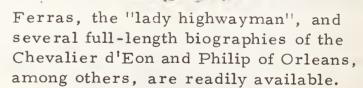
the Abbe de Choisy, the feverently religious "Mme. Rosette," the Abbe d'Entrangues, "Jenny de Savalette de Lange" (whom, some thought, was the missing King Louis XVII in drag), the actress "Lavinia Edwards," and "Madame Cartier", a French civil-servant who, during the 1920's, put on dresses after work and became known as "The Night Queen of Monmarte." From the golden era of American gangsters comes "The Smiling Bandit Queen, " a "well-known gangster" who committed his crimes in drag and, as he lived in drag with a man and a woman, each of whom he had married before a justice of the peace.

The longest section of the book, of course, is devoted to the Chevalier d'Eon, the soldier, spy, diplomat and



fencing-master whose name has been borrowed by psychiatrists to form the word "Eonism" as a pseudo-scientific name for "cross-dressing." So famous (notorious?) was d'Eon in his own time that London bookmakers took bets on whether he was a man or a woman, and rich Englishmen and Frenchmen won and lost fortunes when the Chevalier died, the coroner made his report and the wagers paid off.

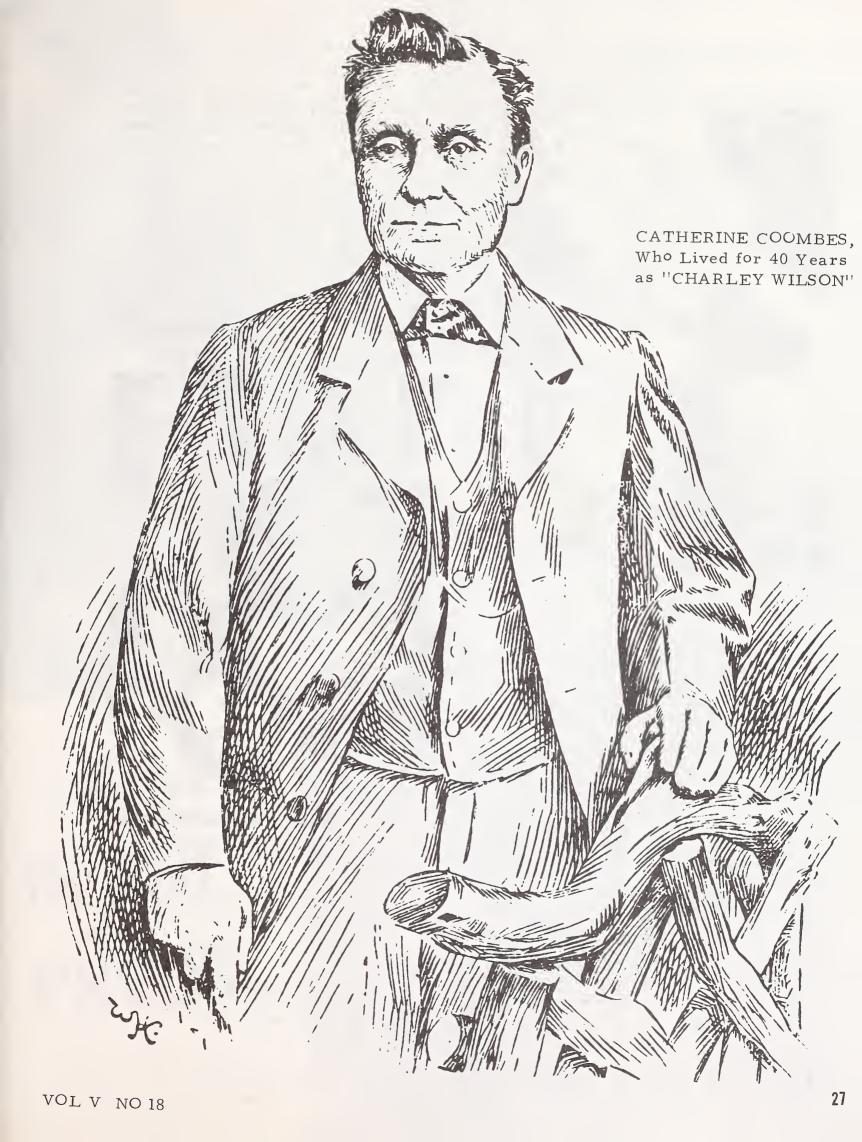
The major fault in this book is that Mr. Thompson's scholarship is so lax and that too few pages are devoted to each of his fascinating characters. Any of these stories could be expanded into a book or film, as many indeed have been. Margaret Lockwood once starred in a British movie based on the career of Lady Maude



Readers of Mr. Thompson's book will only obtain the sketchiest information about these grand imposters, and the author neglects to even include a bibliography which would enable the reader to do more research on his own.

"The Mysteries of Sex" offers little competition to C.J. Bulliet's "Venus Castina" which, despite its flaws, remains the classic volume on male and female impersonators in history. The definitive book in this field still remains to be written.

..... Dick Leitsch





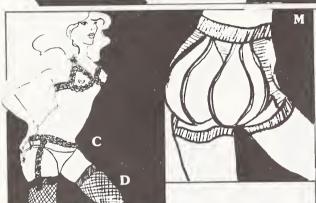
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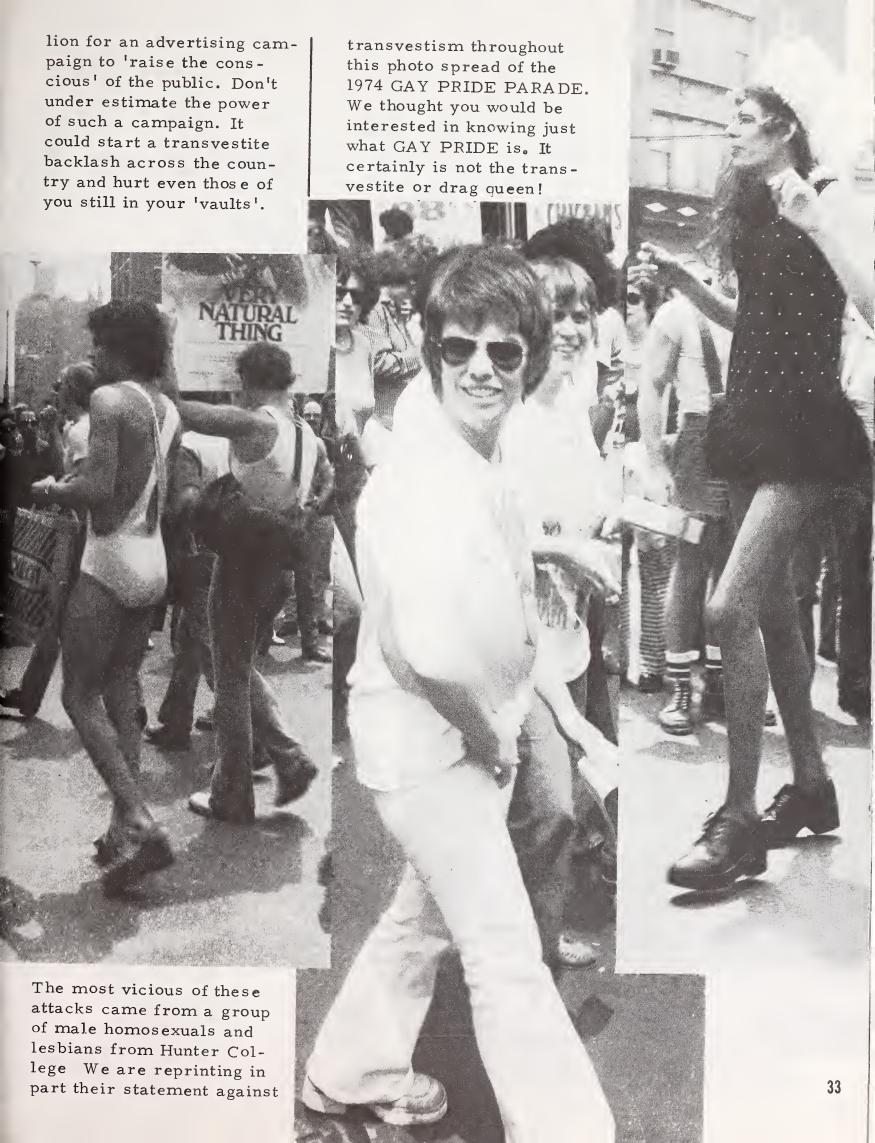


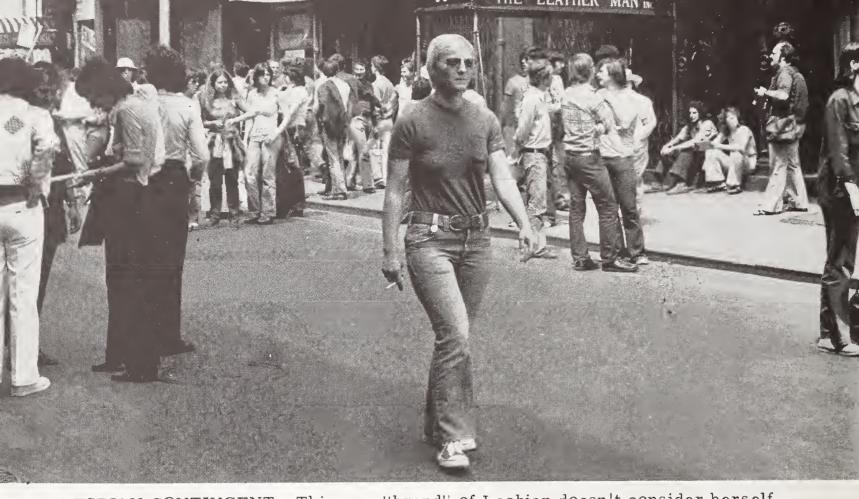
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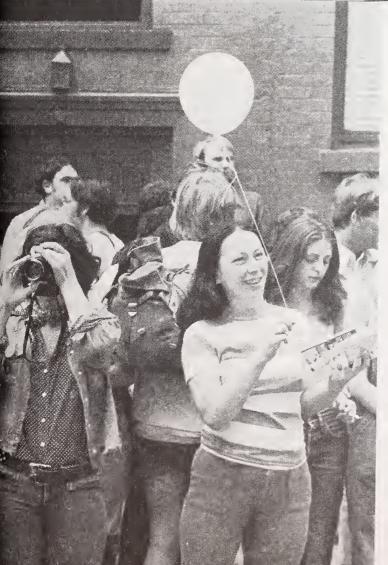
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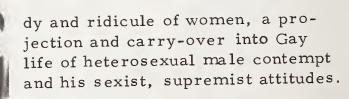






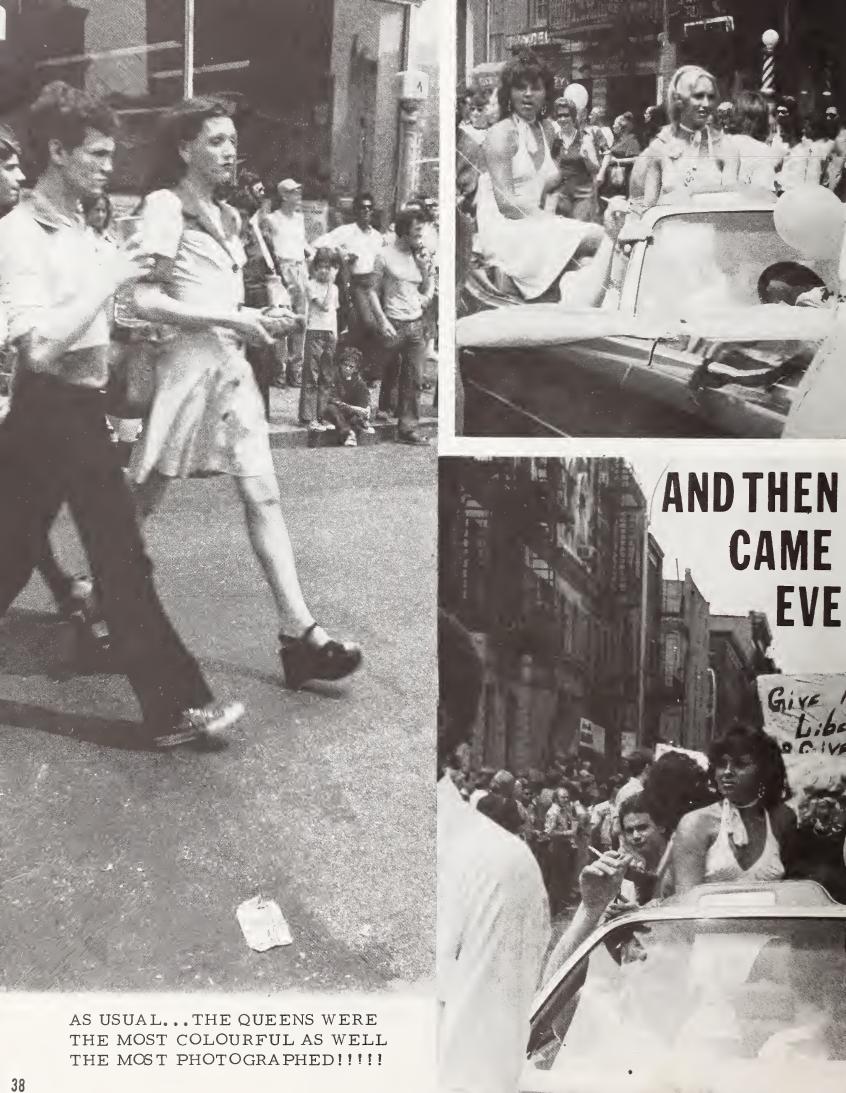
(We support the rights of all individuals, as long as the individual rights do not harm others. However, we do strongly protest the inclusion of transvestite spokespeople and entertainers at Gay rallies and demonstrations for the following reasons:

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2. Lesbian feminists have gained support for the Gay movement from hetrosexual sisters in the Feminist Movement. These women, while supporting Gay Rights, are offended by the ridicule directed at them by men assuming the costume-parodies of heterosexuality. The risk is increasing that the Feminist Movement will not publicly support our rallies and demonstrations.





own sex is through the disguise and roles of the opposite sex. Transvestism is a back-handed affirmation of the 'right order' of heterosexuality, at the expense and negation of the positive, alternative lifestyle of self-affirming Gay men and Lesbians.

5. Transvestism oppresses Gay men by perpetuating society's sterotypes of us. These are the portrayals we see in movies, on news-reports, and in magazines. Our oppression must end within our own Gay community before we can expect it to end in the minds of others.







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Editorial continued

In closing, I wish to remind you that I am the ONLY person catering to the TV who has invested his OWN money to remove legal restrictions against the cross-dresser. (This includes other publishers of magazines dealing with crossdressing, straight as well as the fetishistically oriented) It upsets me that the tv is so unappreciative and refuses to support my efforts in this area. I've always had to "sell" you something to get your support and will continue to do so...by your lack of interest and pride is quite discouraging. You will never be accepted by society if you continue to expect someone else to always do the work for you..... GRATIS!



LEE G. BREWSTER, Editor and Publisher of DRAG magazine.

Transvestite Statement..

Gay concern or priority. Therefore, it should not be promoted at rallies and demonstrations.

We make a stronger distinction regarding Transexuals. They do not even identify with Gay Liberation, but adopt heterosexual roles, attitudes and life-styles completely. They are the first, themselves, to stress that they are not Gay.

7. Transvestism is a remnant of the ghetto and the first symbol of Gay oppression We, in the Gay movement, are in the process of self-definition and self-acceptance. Transvestism negates both, by first imposing exterior definition and secondly, by masking us from our real selves and others. When we come out of the closets, we must leave the trappings of the closet behind! Gay pride begins with self-acceptance as real, natural people, without the sham of a 'drag' mask.

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Hello everybody! (My name is Linda, what's yours?...)

Well! In contrast to the big issue on the West Coast Drag Scene, this column is going to seem pretty small.

For one thing, I was in bed with the flu (not my first choice!) for a week or so around Christmas and am still not quite feeling "the thing". Hope you all escaped the bug!

Most of the news this time comes from the Transexual Counseling Service. This unique office, run, in part, by the San Francisco Police Department's Community Relations division, is perhaps the most complete counseling and referal service in the country

It is completely non-profit and has done, as I know from personal experience, a tremendous amount of good for a large number of people

Not it has the advantage, as well, of

having at its helm a uniquely qualified person. I'm referring to SHANNON O'HARA who, after doing perhaps more volunteer work for TVs and TSs than anyone, has just assumed the directorship of T.C.S.

With Shannon's extensive experience in dealing with courts, police, doctors and individual TVs and TSs, plus her considerable personal charm, there is probably no one else around as well trained to take this post. T.C.S. is indeed lucky.

The new corresponding secretary of T.C.S. is June Cowan, the volunteer counselor is Rusty Powers, and the new administrative officer is Ray Carlson, chief of San Francisco Police-Community Relations.

In addition to all their regular services,
T.C.S. has begun counseling at San Bruno
County Jail. Shannon told me the other
day that they are seriously thinking of becoming a non-profit corporation under the
name "National Gender Identity Association."

Much of their funding used to come from the Erickson Foundation which, as you may know, phasing out their work in the transsexual field. This means that they have

to seek funds elsewhere. So.....any contributions (and they ARE tax-deductible, Shannon tells me..) are gratefully accepted

I don't usually espouse personal causes, but this seems most important to me as one of the few ways you can DIRECTLY help other TVs and TSs and, perhaps, keep alive a service that will one day help YOU. The address for the Transexual Counseling Service is:

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END OF COMMERCIAL!

And on to other things.....

SALMACIS continues to meet each week, for the first four weeks of the month, and now has added an east bay meeting to the San Francisco and peninsula meetings. Salmacis information numbers are: 656-8161, 863-3421, and 968-7473 (all in the area code of 415).

I read in the S.F.CRONICLE the other day where Norman Lear (ALL IN THE FAMILY, SANFORD & SON, etc., etc.) is planning a movie-for-television about a transvestite. I've sent him pictures. It's a gamble, of course. For one thing, it's not always wise to rely on the accuracy of the CRONICLE.

I do want to thank everyone who sent a Christmas card this year. I'm not able to reply to each one personally, especially having been sick during the holidays, but each one is appreciated just the same, and I hope you all found just what you wanted in your pantyhose on Christmas morning!

After seeing issue #16 DRAG, I wrote and told Lee Brewster what I wanted for Christmas, but I'm sorry to say SULLY didn't show up, gift-wrapped or otherwise. (I wouldn't have been particular about the

wrapping; you know how it is, you have to tear the wrapping off before you can enjoy the gift, anyway....)



One final note. I've had several inquiries about the PLAYBOYS, the Hawaiian Impersonator troupe I wrote about. I'm sorry to say, I've lost touch with them, and don't know what, if anything, is happening.

I made a call to their agent in San Francisco and found the number disconnected. I only hope this isn't another case of a troupe being stranded by their agent. I've also misplaced the sheet of paper with the managers' address, so, Glenn, if you see this, please drop a line to:

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Please include photo with reply.
JANE.

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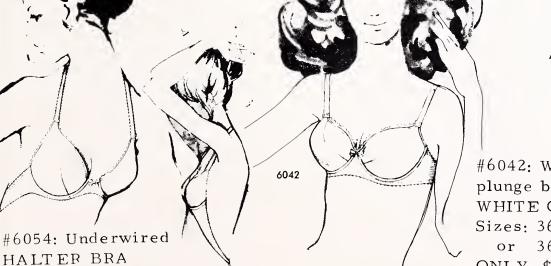
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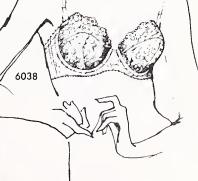
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